

**Three Bales Per Acre; How to Raise Them.**

(Southern Cultivator.)

Editor Southern Cultivator:

In an editorial on the first page of your July number on "Southern Georgia," you state a Mr. Somebody raised 24 bales of cotton on eight acres. What I ask for is the details. 1. What kind of land did he use? 2. How did he prepare it? 3. When did he plant and what kind of seed did he use? 4. How much fertilizer was used? Please give the formula. 5. Give us the mode of cultivation, and how often and late about the seasons.

If you will give the information asked for and such other facts as may be had it will make a mighty good reading in the Cultivator for your patrons. I could hardly be called a novice in matters of this kind, for the reason that for several years I have been a reader of the Cultivator, and am reading several good farm papers with most all the bulletins of the state and United States.

This is not doubted, but a more lengthy report will be very helpful to your many readers in my opinion. We use some fertilizer here. I sell it myself, but we are beginners. We have some trouble in putting out our fertilizers on deep, sandy land. It seems to sink with the heavy rains. What is your advice in the matter? We are rained out over here in Arkansas. It rains incessantly, and is raining now. We haven't had more than two or three days to the week to plow this whole season. We were kept out two weeks at one time, commencing June 21st and running up into July. We have mud and grass to spare.

Yours respectfully,

B. F. S.

Prescott, Ark.

Comment by the Editor:

In response to the above letter, we will describe the conditions under which this large yield was made in two different places, and endeavor to make the steps plain enough so any one who desires can do likewise. We took the trouble to go and see both parties and in the latter instance to put our foot upon the soil that so far as we know holds the record in cotton production. The facts in the case referred to in south Georgia are these: The cotton was raised on the land of Mr. D. P. Cugle of Oglethorpe, Ga.; it was cultivated by Mr. R. N. Allen, and we have the facts from him. The piece contained nine acres instead of eight as we were informed. Mr. Cugle has a good many cattle, and penned them on this land at night, and their droppings constituted the principal manure. Only 150 pounds of guano was put in the drill when the cotton was planted. The land was deeply and the cotton four-foot rows, and and cultivated with a hoe in the ordinary way and grew rapidly and where it did not work. The nine foot one bales, Sled each. Desires of Grif-safe and safety, Mr. to steel

H. A. Burr has six acres that yielded eighteen bales in 1904. It was cultivated on halves by Mr. H. C. Rodgers. We went out to view this land, which is in cotton this year, but owing to the hot wave which simply cooked the forms upon it, and the squares and young bolls still hang upon the stalks by hundreds, the yield will not be more than a half to the acre. The stalks were fine, six feet high, but the top three feet had no fruit upon it. This land is fresh, the top soil is sandy, pebble soil, with stiff, red clay subsoil, the ideal land for cotton. This land was broadcasted with stable manure in the fall and broken deep with a two horse plow. In the spring the rows were laid off four feet apart, and six hundred pounds of "Day Break," a highly ammoniated guano, was used in the drill. The cotton was planted about the middle of April, of the "Big Boll" variety. When the cotton came up it was sided and chopped in the ordinary way. It was plowed every ten days with scooter and scrape. The cotton was left one stalk to about eighteen or twenty inches.

We are convinced that to get the maximum yield you must have it thick; the land must be wholly occupied with cotton. We have seen several parties this year trying seven or eight-foot rows. This is too wide. We are confident four feet is best, both for corn and cotton. Now three things stand out very clear to our minds in these two instances; and they stand at the very foundation of all successful farming. First, the lands were broken deep; second, they were well manured and largely with cow and horse manure. We can never do the best farming without more cattle to make more manure. Thirdly, they cultivated rapidly. Rapid, shallow cultivation alone can give us the maximum yield. This is the only way to make money raising cotton; and whenever you bring one or more acres up to this yield you have done a genuine service—first to yourself for you will never be quite so contented with a low one; and second, to your pocket, which will feel the difference in the fall; third, to your family and community in setting them a good example ever to follow, and fourth, to posterity, for to them you will leave some acres more fertile than you found them, and upon which they, in turn, can receive a just return for all their labor expended upon such lands.

**School Fund and School Buildings.**

Columbia cor. News and Courier.

The question regarding the subsidy contemplated for new public school buildings has just been decided by Assistant Attorney General Youmans. He thinks the State board has a perfect right to provide that the State's money should only go into a school building where the title to the property is in fee simple. The point was raised in Clarendon county and the Assistant Attorney General renders this opinion on the interesting question:

October 10, 1905.

Hon. O. B. Martin, State Sup-

intendent of education, Columbia, S. C.—Dear Sir: Yours of October 8 received, calling my attention to the Act to Encourage the Erection of Adequate Public School Buildings." February 22, 1905, 24, Stats, 905, and asking whether it was within the competency of the State board of education on April 27, 1905, to pass this resolution:

"Resolved, That county boards of education shall require all public school buildings to be constructed only upon land deeded to the trustees in fee simple; that no school building shall be aided by funds under the School Improvement Act, unless constructed according to plans approved by the State board of education, and furthermore, unless the building is found to be of first class material and workmanship upon inspection by the county superintendent of education?"

I am of the opinion that it is within the competency of the State board of education to pass this regulation.

Yours respectfully,

LeRoy F. Youmans,

Assistant Attorney General.

**A Tarheel in Trouble—Charged With Having too Many Wives Sticking to Him.**

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 11.—Frank C. Norton, a painter of Charlotte and Raleigh, N. C., was today accused of bigamy by one of his wives, formerly Miss Josephine Quinlan, of Toledo, Ohio. She claims that, while looking through his papers, she found that he was married to three others besides herself, not having had a divorce from either. The papers state that Norton made an almost fatal attempt to kill his second, Miss Elizabeth K. Milton, of Butte, Mont., and a third is Anna French of Los Angeles, Cal.

The couple is in court because the wife attempted to kill Norton. She claims that he was going to kill her to keep secret that which in some way he found out she knew. She shot in self defense.

**Bob Barrett Said to be in Trouble Again.**

Special to The State.

Fort Mill, Oct. 9.—Robt. Barrett, a white man, who has lived here for the past year without any visible means of support, was arrested by the North Carolina authorities near the State line Sunday with 17 gallons of corn whiskey in his wagon.

Barrett was accompanied by his son, who unfortunately for himself had a pistol in his pocket.

The father, it is understood, was taken to jail in default of a \$500 bond and the son of a \$450 bond.

Barrett had to leave the State of North Carolina several years ago, having been convicted of retailing whiskey, a fine of \$500 being suspended on condition that he stay out of the State for a certain length of time.

It is said that this fine will now have to be paid.

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**Our Army—German Paper Says It's "Rotten"**

Berlin, Oct. 11.—The leading conservative newspaper, Breussische Kreur Zeitung, prints what it calls an expose of the claim of the United States to be a great military and naval power. It characterizes the American army as "rotten," and says it is made up of "miserable material," and declares the Russian army superior to it. It says Americans are patriotic only with their mouths.

**Morton's Philosophy of Life.**

Paul Morton, when asked for his rule of philosophy in life re-

plied: "Did you ever hear the Western advice, 'So live your life each day that you can at any time look any damn man in the eyes and tell him to go to hell?' That's my philosophy of life." Mr. Morton ought to be not only president of the Equitable, but of the New York Life and the Mutual, as well.—Charleston Post.

**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that the tax books of the town of Lancaster, S. C., will be open for the collection of taxes on the 1st day of November, 1905, at the office of the town Treasurer, and all taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st day of December, 1905, pursuant to Section 1 of the Supply Bill of 1905, will be subject to a penalty of 15 per cent for the non-payment of the same when, together with cost.

R. E. WYLLIE,  
Mayor.

Oct. 10, 1905.

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